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HIGHLIGHTS

- Four hotshot crews that were brought up from the Lower-48 to assist with the Parks Highway Fire are returning to Redding, California today. The Alaska Fire Service Midnight Sun Hotshot Crew is on the airplane with the four Redding crews but will continue on from Redding to Arizona to supplement resources on the Brins Fire, two miles northeast of Sedona.
- Besides the four hotshot crews, the Parks Highway Fire is slowly releasing resources. It is now staffed with 250 personnel. The Type 2 Incident Management Team staffing the fire will transition to a Type 3 organization today. For more information on the Parks Highway Fire visit: <http://www.parkshighwayfire.com/>.
- The 16 smokejumpers from Boise that were brought up to supplement AFS resources will return to the Lower-48 today.
- A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) is still in effect for the Parks Highway Fire. For additional information on the specifics of the TFR go to the following website: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>.
- For information about air quality, please visit: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Currently there are 11 active fires in Alaska. The Parks Highway Fire is the only fire that is staffed. The Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) reports that so far this year 192 fires statewide have burned nearly 169,570 acres. For additional information about fire activity in Alaska, please visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>.



- For additional references, see next page -

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
- Parks Highway Fire:
(907) 832-1835, (907) 451-3031, <http://parkshighwayfire.com/>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info):
(907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information:
<http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.